

initially being at least partially unattached to the second body panel while the fastener is attached to the first body panel;

filling the package with a product via a fill opening between the fastener and the second body panel; and

attaching the fastener to the second body panel to seal the fill opening.

41. (Once Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the fastener includes first and second interlocking profiles and first and second fins extending from the respective profiles, the first and second fins being joined along [a] the breakable area of weakness, the first fin being attached to the first body panel, the second fin being at least partially unattached to the second body panel while the fastener is attached to the first body panel.

44. (Once Amended) A method of making and filling a package, comprising:

providing a package including first and second opposing body panels joined along a pair of sides and a bottom bridging the sides;

attaching a fastener to the first body panel along a mouth portion of the package disposed opposite the bottom, the fastener including a pair of tracks joined to each other along a breakable area of weakness;

filling the package with a product via a fill opening between the fastener and the second body panel; and

attaching the fastener to the second body panel to seal the fill opening.

46. (Once Amended) The method of claim 45, wherein the first and second fins are joined to each other along [a] the breakable area of weakness.

Please add new claim 61 as follows:

61. (New) A method of making and filling packages, comprising:

providing a plastic web and a fastener in a longitudinal direction;

folding the web to provide first and second opposing panels joined along a longitudinal bottom fold;

attaching the fastener to an inner surface of the first panel near a longitudinal edge thereof opposite the longitudinal bottom fold;